



## Emanuel School

### **11+ 2021 Entrance Process Update (29<sup>th</sup> September 2020)**

#### **Interviews**

All candidates registered for the 11+ process will be interviewed one-to-one as usual. These interviews will now be held over Zoom and will run from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

You will receive an email approximately two weeks before the date of your child's interview providing clear instructions on how to access the interview. You will also be sent details of the small amount of preparation required.

During the interview your child will be asked about their academic interests and their activities beyond the classroom. There will also be a mental maths element and a short article to read which will be discussed with the interviewer.

If your child does not have access to a computer, please contact us and we will be able to assist.

Please note you must send your child's school report to the admissions office by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This is required to invite them to interview.

#### **Exam dates**

We will still be holding our exams on the school site.

The exam dates will remain as:

- **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January**
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January will no longer be just a reserve date for pupils who have an exam clash on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January, but candidates will be split evenly across the two dates.

The pupils will be further divided into small groups with staggered arrival and departure times. This is to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing.

Please inform the admissions office before Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November if you have a preferred exam date ([debra.shuttleworth@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:debra.shuttleworth@emanuel.org.uk)) otherwise your child will be automatically allocated to either Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

The exam date that your child is allocated to will be communicated towards the end of the autumn term. Changes will not be possible after allocations have been made.

## Exam Concessions

It is vital that applications for exam concessions are received by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November (this date has not changed). We will use this information to allocate groups accordingly. Please refer to the school website for more information. Unfortunately, late requests cannot be processed.

## Exam duration and content

The exams will be English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning. The duration of the papers will be slightly reduced allowing us to sequence the larger number of small groups on the day. The range of skills assessed will remain the same as usual. Sample papers are available on the school website.

**Maths:** 45 minutes. The format of this paper will be the same as previous years - an arithmetic and problem solving section.

**English:** 45 minutes. The format of this paper will be slightly adjusted - the composition element will be incorporated into the comprehension section. In addition to short comprehension answers, there will also be at least one longer answer where writing a short passage will be required.

**Verbal Reasoning:** 30 minutes.

## Safety on the school site

We will continue to follow the government's guidance to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing throughout the visit. Further details of safety measures, arrival and departure will be sent to you with the exam date allocation.

## The impact of lockdown on progress and learning

We understand that children have received different provisions of remote learning during lockdown. We are currently working on support videos that will be sent to all registered applicants which will cover the topics and techniques. Pupils and parents should not be concerned about the impact the lockdown has had on pupils' learning. We are conscious of the challenges presented and will remain mindful of these during the application process.

## School reports

We know that many schools will have written shorter reports for the summer term. In some cases, no report has been written. These reports also reflect an extremely unusual time. Please do not be concerned as we will be mindful of the context in which they were written.

### **Headteacher's references**

As usual, we will be requesting a headteacher's reference for each candidate in the autumn term.

### **Scholarships and help with fees (bursaries)**

We are committed to offering full and partially-funded places to bright and ambitious pupils. This represents our wider commitment to social mobility in South West London. The application forms and further details are available on our website under the admissions section.

Application forms for co-curricular scholarships (sport, music, drama and art) are also available on the admissions section of the website.

There is no need to make an application for an academic scholarship; these are awarded to candidates who perform outstandingly in the entrance process.

The deadline for submission for co-curricular scholarships and help with fees is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November (this date has not changed).

### **Scholarship assessment**

It is important to note that the logistics of the assessment process for co-curricular scholarships is under review due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Those that have made an application for a co-curricular scholarship will be contacted shortly after Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November with the details of the revised assessment process.

**Thank you for understanding why we have had to make these adjustments.**